

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF LOU "THE TOE"
GROZA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Lou "the Toe" Groza for his years of involvement in the Cleveland area.

Mr. Groza was born in Martins Ferry, Ohio and remained in state attending Ohio State University in 1942. Just one year into his college education, Mr. Groza was drafted by the U.S. Army for service in World War II. In the Army he served as a surgical technician in a medical battalion.

In 1946, after his service had ended, Lou Groza returned home to Ohio and promptly tried out for the Cleveland Browns. Just one year after joining the team, Groza was promoted to starting tackle and helped guide the Browns to a perfect (14-0) season and the All-America Football Conference title.

During his extraordinary twenty-one year career, Mr. Groza helped steer the Cleveland Browns to eight championships and led them into another five championship games. In addition to the team glory that Mr. Groza promoted, he also earned individual honors being named to six All-National Football League (NFL) teams, nine Pro Bowl squads and left the league as the all time points and games played leader with 1,349 and 216 respectively. In fact, so impressive was his kicking ability that he still ranks in the top fifteen points leaders in NFL history.

In 1968 the Cleveland Browns showed their respects towards the incredible talents of Mr. Groza by retiring his number (76) in a ceremony at Cleveland Municipal Stadium. The National Football League also paid homage to Mr. Groza by inducting him into their Hall of Fame in 1974.

With his football career over, Mr. Groza did not disappear from public life, instead he remained a fixture in the Berea, Ohio community for more than three decades. The city recognized him by renaming the street of the Cleveland Browns training camp "Lou Groza Way" and assigning the Browns' headquarters the street address 76.

Lou Groza was a patriot, football legend and a city treasure. He will be missed by the entire Northeast Ohio Community. My fellow colleagues, let us recognize Mr. Groza for his years of achievement.

IN HONOR OF COLUMBIA
LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind and

its sister organizations across the country. Founded 100 years ago, the Columbia Lighthouse is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing education, training, and rehabilitation services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Seventy percent of blind adults are unemployed. The Lighthouse organizations are fighting to change that statistic. Since 1931, the Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind has been serving my home district employing blind individuals. Operating for the first several years in borrowed buildings, the organization employed the blind in weaving, sewing, and broom manufacturing. The Dallas Lighthouse has come a long way, now employing over 100 individuals in manufacturing various products, and offering rehabilitation programs for those with vision disabilities.

Today, the Lighthouses are evolving to meet today's changing business environment, emerging in the world of technology and e-commerce. The Columbia Lighthouse recently launched ReelBooks.com, a Web site that retails more than 16,000 audio books, while providing the visually impaired with valuable training in an industry sorely lacking trained employees.

The work of the Lighthouses is changing the face of blind America. Those with vision disabilities have the right to be active, assimilated and contributing members of society. I am proud of the services provided by the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind and its sister organizations throughout America. The opportunities these organizations can provide for people with vision disabilities are immeasurable. I salute the Lighthouses and the people they serve today.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF FORMER
CONGRESSMAN HENRY B. GONZALEZ

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Henry B. Gonzalez.

As the first Hispanic Congressman from Texas, he was very active in the fight for civil rights for all Americans.

Henry was a close friend of mine before I came to Congress. When he was Chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, he asked me to testify before the subcommittee. At that time I was Sheriff of Mahoning County and had refused to sign transfer deeds for foreclosures on homes in my district. He also helped me to pass legislation that provides counseling to homeowners who are in danger of losing their homes.

Henry B. Gonzalez was truly a great American with a lot of guts, who will be greatly missed. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district on Friday, November 3, and I would like the RECORD to indicate how I would have voted had I been present.

For rollcall vote No. 593, I would have voted "yea."

For rollcall vote No. 594, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. Speaker, I was also unavoidably detained in my district on Monday and Tuesday, November 13-14, and I would like the RECORD to indicate how I would have voted had I been present.

For rollcall vote No. 595, I would have voted "nay."

For rollcall vote No. 596, I would have voted "nay."

For rollcall vote No. 597, I would have voted "yea."

THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MOST REVEREND ANTHONY M. PILLA AS BISHOP OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Reverend Anthony Michael Pilla. He will be celebrating the twentieth anniversary of his position as Bishop of Cleveland on January 7, 2001.

Born in Cleveland, Reverend Pilla was educated in a combination of both public and private schools. He was ordained into the priesthood on May 23, 1959. Throughout his life he has shown commendable dedication to the promotion of religion and harmony within the Cleveland community. Bishop Pilla began his life in the priesthood as Associate Pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, Middleburg Heights. Pope John Paul II announced his choice of Father Pilla as Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland on June 30, 1979. The following year he was named the Ninth Bishop of Cleveland.

The Reverend Pilla was well schooled in Philosophy and History. He has also taken a wide variety of positions of responsibility. He was appointed a member of the United States Catholic Conference 1985-1987. His appointment as Vice President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1992 is a testament to the respect he has earned as a religious leader.

Bishop Pilla has always demonstrated the importance of using faith to transcend religious division, and to address the needs of the whole community. As a result, his work has a

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